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In re application of

Before the Board of App

Susan M. DALUGE et al

Appeal No.

Appl. No.:

08/957,045

Group:

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Filed:

October 24, 1997

Examiner: M. Berch

For:

CHLOROPYRIMIDINE INTERMEDIATES

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(b)

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

February 19, 2003 (day after closure of Federal Government)

Sir:

Appellants respectfully petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(b) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a Reply to the Examiner's Answer in the present application.

The attorney who had been handling the application and who is listed in the contact paragraph of the Appeal Brief (Mark Milstead) is no longer with the law firm of the undersigned. begun handling the application attorney has (MaryAnne Armstrong) and is not yet prepared to file a Reply Brief.

The timely filing of the Reply Brief has been additionally hindered by the copious amounts of snow that were received in the Washington DC area that forced the closing of the Federal Government February 2003. Because of the on 18, snow,

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Appellant's representative, who also lives and works in the Northern Virginia suburbs was unable to get into her office to work on the Reply.

Appellants petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(b) for a one (1) month extension of time, to <u>March 18, 2003</u>, for filing a response in connection with the present application.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above matters, please contact Appellant's representative, MaryAnne Armstrong, PhD (Reg. No. 40,069), in the Washington, metropolitan area at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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